

**February 3, 2019**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, MILLHOUSEN, IN**

*Immaculate Conception Parish Community strives to live the Gospel by worshipping God, learning and sharing the Catholic Faith and serving the needs of others.*

*Bulletin information is due by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. [sisterdonna@millhousenchurch.com](mailto:sisterdonna@millhousenchurch.com)*

**Mass Intentions:**

February 3 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Romana Horan

February 10 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Margie Herbert

Concerning Mass Intentions: Up to about a year ago, if anyone called the office to schedule a Mass Intention they were informed of the next open date for these intentions, generally waiting up to a year to have their intention assigned to a date. That is no longer the case. Currently there are dates available every month, including our current month. So, what has changed? When this question was raised at recent meetings, many people had questions concerning Mass Intentions, and Mass Stipends. A brief review follows: A stipend is a fixed amount of payment for services. A Mass Stipend is a fixed amount, designated by the Church, and given to the priest, for offering a Mass for one's intentions. What does that all mean? Historically, the faithful would voluntarily offer to the clergy bread and wine for use in the Mass. Over the years, that changed to offering a monetary equivalent, and now the offering just represents this gesture of offering in exchange for service and supplies needed. As the Church standardized the bread and wine, and as purchasing these elements became routine ordering in bulk supply, the significance of this stipend has taken on a different significance. It is now more tied to the intention of the Mass as it is offered by the priest. The amount of the offering, or stipend, may vary in amount, but the minimum offering has been established by church law to avoid confusion, and to standardize the process. The current Mass Stipend in this country is \$10.00. Traditionally, at the time of death, family and friends of an individual, may offer Mass Stipends (often arranged at the funeral home, and then sent to the home parish) to have Mass intentions for the deceased. This one custom alone may furnish a parish with sufficient Mass Intentions for each Sunday and Holy Day when Mass is available. In addition, the faithful may also request Mass Intentions for their beloved deceased at the time of a death anniversary, a former birthday, a wedding anniversary or for any other occasion being celebrated. But Masses can be offered for the living as well. Often people will ask for an intention stating "for the living and deceased members" of the given family. Or "in honor of" a given person. The acceptance of a stipend by a priest is a serious obligation to fulfill the intention. And the parish is charged with keeping accurate records, and keeping stipend money in a separate fund or account. When a scheduled Mass is cancelled, the intention must be rescheduled at a later date. When a parish receives more Stipends, more Mass intentions than needed in a given year, they are encouraged to send those intentions and the corresponding stipend, to Missionary priests who may not be so blessed with stipends. We have not ever needed to send them away. **Currently, we are in need of stipends and intentions.** If you would like to have a Mass offered for your deceased or living family members or loved ones, please call the parish office to arrange, or feel free to put the stipend money into a separate envelope marked "Stipend" and place in the Sunday Collection basket, along with your name and number.

One question always leads to another: When we don't have enough intentions and stipends to cover our Sunday's, does that mean Father doesn't get paid? No, it means we take the money from our general account to pay the stipend, and the intention then becomes, "for our parish."

Is that all Father Bill gets for a Sunday? No, the \$10.00 stipend is just one part of what Fr. gets paid each weekend. Fr Bill would ordinarily get \$10 for the Stipend; \$50 for coming to say Mass; \$25 for hearing confessions before Mass, and a mileage reimbursement, currently \$.45 per mile traveled, each weekend.

Today we will celebrate the **Feast of St. Blaise**, and bless all throats after Mass. So, what do we know of this saint? Actually, very little. We know for certain that he was a bishop of Armenia, and was martyred by order of the Governor of Cappadocia. Legend has it that he became a bishop in his youth, but became a hermit when persecutions of the Christians began. He was found, and imprisoned, then tortured and beheaded for his faith. The blessing of throats on his feast day, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is attributed to his healing of a young boy who was choking to death from a fish bone in his throat.

Concerning year-end contribution statements: All registered parishioners should have received year-end summaries of their 2018 contributions to the parish. If you have made contributions not reflected on your statement, or if there are corrections or mistakes of any kind, please call the parish office to discuss these corrections. We want our records to be accurate. All gifts to the Archdiocese United Catholic Appeal will be acknowledged separately through the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development.

### Dates to Remember

Feb. 26 - Faith Formation Commission, with Ken Ogorek 7:00 pm

Feb. 27 – Parent Meeting for First Communion 7:00 pm

### Remittance 1/27/2019 and New Year's

		Envelopes
Mary, Mother of God - Holy Day: \$25.00		
		<b>Loose:</b> \$ 109.00
<b>\$3,028 needed weekly to meet budget.</b>		<b>Envelopes:</b> \$ 3990.00
<b>Propagation of the Faith:</b> \$404.00, <b>Energy:</b> \$730.00		<b>Total:</b> \$ 4099.00

**United Catholic Appeal:** Our weekly report from the Archdiocese reflected no change. We are at **79 %** of our goal, and seem to have reached a plateau. I will keep you posted on any additional donations.

**Remember in Prayer:** Bailey Streiker, Dale Helms, Chris Mennel, Chris Owens, Stephen Koors, Jim Cobb, Theresa Cobb, Craig Simon, Cathy Wittkamper, Adam Lutterbach, Jim Koors, Urban Johannigman.

Cathy Wittkamper, mother of Sophia and Brian Wittkamper, students in our Religious Ed. program, and wife of Mark, continues to decline as her disease progresses. Please keep this family in your prayer.

### Liturgical Ministries

February 3

**Sacristan:** Jo Fledderman

**Ushers/Greeters:** Craig & Paula Wullenweber,  
Tom & Lois Johannigman

**Lectors:** Ben Stier, Niki Johannigman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Emery Mapes, Ann Stier,  
Brian Huff, Norbert Hoeing,

**Servers:** Caaden Gault, Campbell Johannigman,  
Michael Stier

**Musicians:** Men's Choir

**Counters:** Steve AmRhein, Margie Georgi,  
Sara Hermes

**Gift Bearers:** Aaron & Melea Gault Family

February 10

Marilyn Horan

Mitch & Lori Nobbe, Mark & Cindy  
Hermesch

Melea Gault, Claire Schoettmer

Cindy Hermes, Aaron & Melea Gault,  
Steve AmRhein

Alison & Trent Nobbe, Anna Johannigman

Youth with Abby

Marilyn Horan, Kate Bedel, Cindy  
Hermesch

Nick & Abby Asher Family

**\*\*\*Safety Committee:** The middle school student entering a school in Richmond, IN a few weeks ago, and initiating a shooting exchange with police, ultimately ending in his own death, brought the issue pretty close to home. But the security “lockdown” at South Decatur two weeks ago opens our eyes to the fact that drugs and related danger are in our own neighborhood. That wasn’t enough. To have Millhousen wake up to vandalism of multiple homes last week spells out the fact that things are changing right before our eyes. What are we to do? How prepared are we to keep our own children safe in this changing society? We want to be proactive. The Parish “**Safety Committee**” will convene in February, to look at ways we can continue to create a safe environment for all.

**Faith Formation Commission:** On Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00 pm at Immaculate Conception (Millhousen), Ken Ogorek, Archdiocesan Catechetical Director, will offer a workshop on Faith Formation Commissions. The workshop is suitable as a refresher for long-time commission members, an orientation for new members, or an info session for prospective members. Please email kogorek@archindy.org to register and/or ask any questions you might have about this opportunity. While Immaculate Conception is sponsoring, hosting this event, it is being presented by the Office of Catechesis, and being offered multiple times throughout the Archdiocese. This February event will be offered to all members of the Batesville Deanery. Please register in advance so that accommodations can be made. We will need volunteers to bake cookies, to offer hospitality and be greeters. Sign up sheets in the entryway.

### **Upcoming Events:**

## **ON THE PHYSICAL DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**February 26, 2019**

**7:00 pm**

**Led by Dr. Mary McCullough**

**St. Mary Parish Greensburg**

**Jesus of Nazareth underwent Jewish and Roman trials, was flogged, and was sentenced to death by crucifixion. The scourging produced deep stripe-like lacerations and appreciable blood loss, and it probably set the stage for hypovolemic shock, as evidenced by the fact that Jesus was too weakened to carry the crossbar to Golgotha. At the site of crucifixion, his wrists were nailed to the patibulum (crossbar) and, after the patibulum was lifted onto the upright posts (stipes), his feet were nailed to the stipes. The major pathophysiologic effect of crucifixion was an interference with normal respirations. Accordingly, death resulted primarily from hypovolemic shock and exhaustion asphyxia. Jesus' death was ensured by the thrust of a soldier's spear into his side. Modern medical interpretation of the historical evidence indicates that Jesus was dead when taken down from the cross.**

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